

REMARKS

1. Restriction of Claims.

The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the Invention of Group II. Claims 9-16 read on the elected invention. Claims 1-8 and 17-40 are withdrawn.

In addition, the Applicant has presented new Claim 41 herewith which is generic to Groups I through IV. The Applicant respectfully notes that, in the event that Claim 41 is deemed allowable, the Applicant is entitled to reinstatement of all claims withdrawn herein.

2. Amendment of Specification.

While preparing this response, the Applicant noted certain typographical errors in the specification that the Applicant has corrected herein. More specifically, certain reference numbers did not match drawing FIG. 3. No new matter has been added; the corrections would be readily apparent to one of ordinary skill.

3. Correction of Drawings.

Additionally, the Applicant noted that reference number 30 was missing from FIG. 3. Drill bit 30 is clearly shown in FIG. 3 and one of ordinary skill would readily understand that element in FIG. 3 to correspond to the drill bit referenced in the specification. The correction is marked in red ink, and approval is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

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4. Conclusion.

The Applicant also respectfully requests a telephone interview with the Examiner in the event that there are questions regarding this response, or if the next action on the merits is not an allowance of all pending claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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